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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	
USING THE SAME)	

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

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The listed documents were previously cited in the copending parent Application No. 10/089,801, filed on April 4, 2002, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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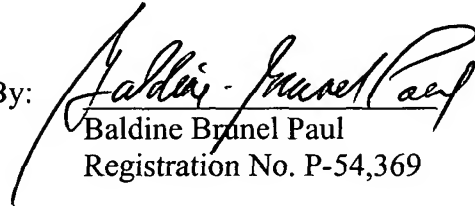
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